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CURRENT LITERATURE

MINOR NOTICES

North American slime moulds.—A new and revised edition of MACBRIDE'S¹ *North American slime moulds* has just been published. As the subtitle states, it is "a descriptive list of all species of Myxomycetes hitherto reported from the continent of North America, with notes on some extra-limital species." The original edition was reviewed in this journal.² The necessity for a second edition has given the author the opportunity not only to correct certain errata, but chiefly to incorporate new information developed by the investigation of the last twenty years. The book is primarily for American students, and is certainly an adequate presentation of this interesting group, serving the same purpose in this country that LISTER'S *Mycetozoa* does in England.—J. M. C.

Some elementary texts.—An interesting textbook for Indian high schools has been prepared by KENOYER.³ It is interesting both in presentation and material, and adapted to high school students of India. Of course it is necessarily brief, but it develops an interesting approach to the plant kingdom. It is based upon the conviction that the best way to know plants is to grow them, and therefore emphasis is placed upon the school garden as the important laboratory for beginners. The plants selected as illustrations are in general those of general occurrence in India. This little book will interest teachers of botany in other countries.

A similar text for English schools has been prepared by WOODHEAD.⁴ This is an abbreviation and simplification of the author's *The study of plants*. It also emphasizes the study of living material, experimental work, and outdoor observation. Naturally the materials are those available in England, and the details and terminology are more technical than in the Indian text. Both are doubtless adaptations to the status of high school education in the two countries.—J. M. C.

¹ MACBRIDE, T. H., *The North American slime moulds*. 8vo. pp. xvii+299. pls. 23. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1922.

² BOT. GAZ. 29:74. 1900.

³ KENOYER, L. A., *Plant studies for Indian high schools*. pp. 160. figs. 67. The Christian Literature Society, Allahabad. 1922.

⁴ WOODHEAD, T. W., *Junior botany*. pp. 210. figs. 140. Oxford: Clarendon Press. 1922.